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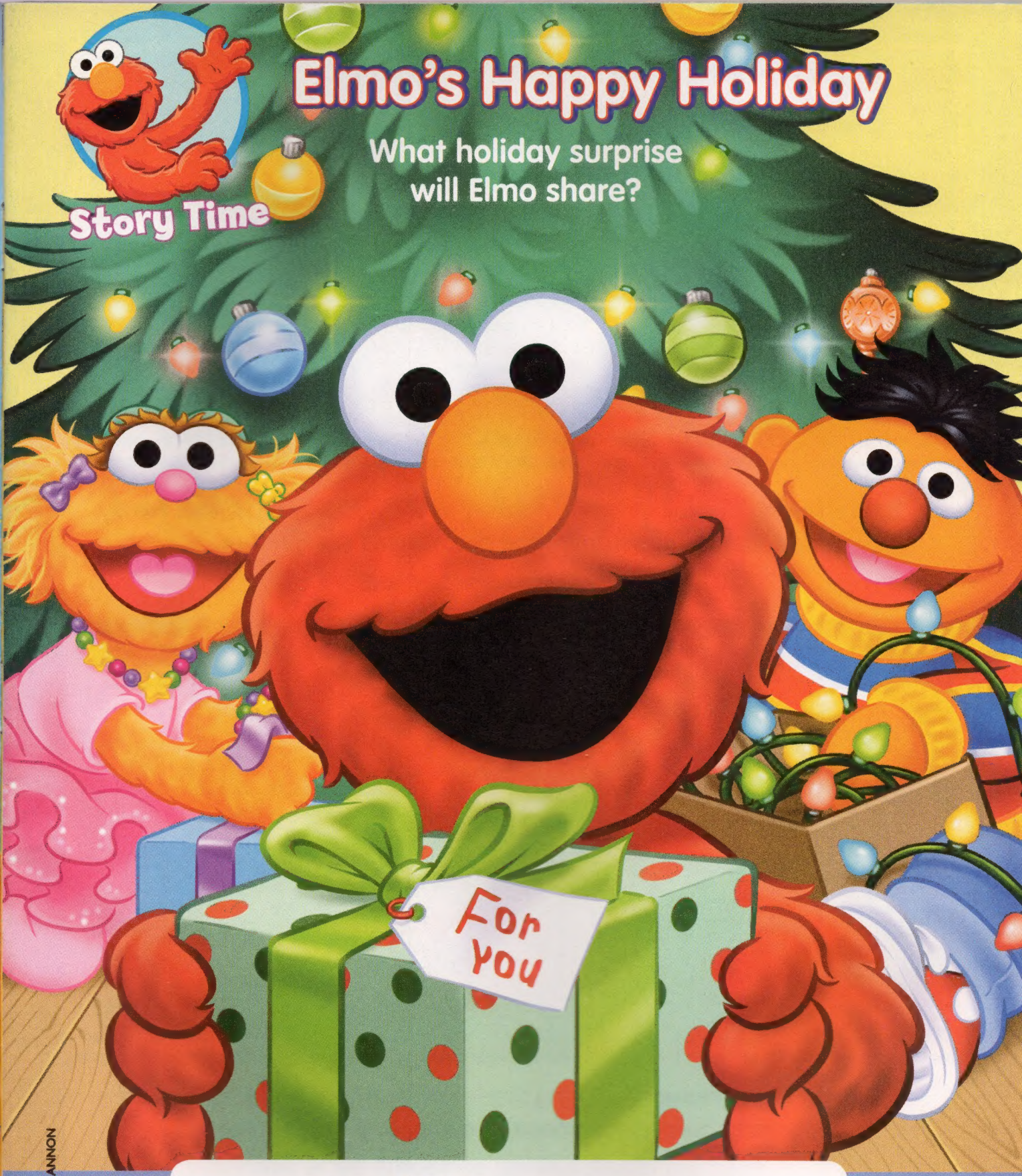



1. The holidays are coming soon! Elmo and his friends are getting into the spirit. Elmo thinks everything is more fun during the festive season. Look how Sesame Street gets ready!

ILLUSTRATIONS BY TOM BRANNON

**2.** Elmo's friends are full of holiday cheer, as they deliver gifts, visit family and friends, and admire the decorations everywhere.

*Who is wearing a green hat?*

**3.** School is even more fun during the holidays. There are gingerbread houses to build, decorations to make, and treats to eat!

*Who is holding a wreath?*

Elmo would like to see you write the word holiday.
Trace over the white letters on the right-hand page.
Make sure you are holding your pencil correctly, as shown.

If you are left-handed, hold your pencil like this.

If you are right-handed, hold your pencil like this.

4. Elmo likes to sing carols with his friends during the holidays.
Elmo thinks even Oscar might join in the fun!

*Tap Oscar's trash can to ask him to join in.*

5. Now it's time to decorate and celebrate!
There are presents to wrap and a tree to trim.

*Who is tall enough to put the star on the tree?*

# holiday

Now say it aloud. How do you celebrate?

# Snowshoe Hare Fun Facts

A hare runs far and fast on its strong legs.

Big Bird wears snowshoes to help him walk on top of the snow. The snowshoe hare's paws work the same way.

Help Big Bird follow the paw prints so he can meet his friends.

BIG BIRD ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN KURTZ

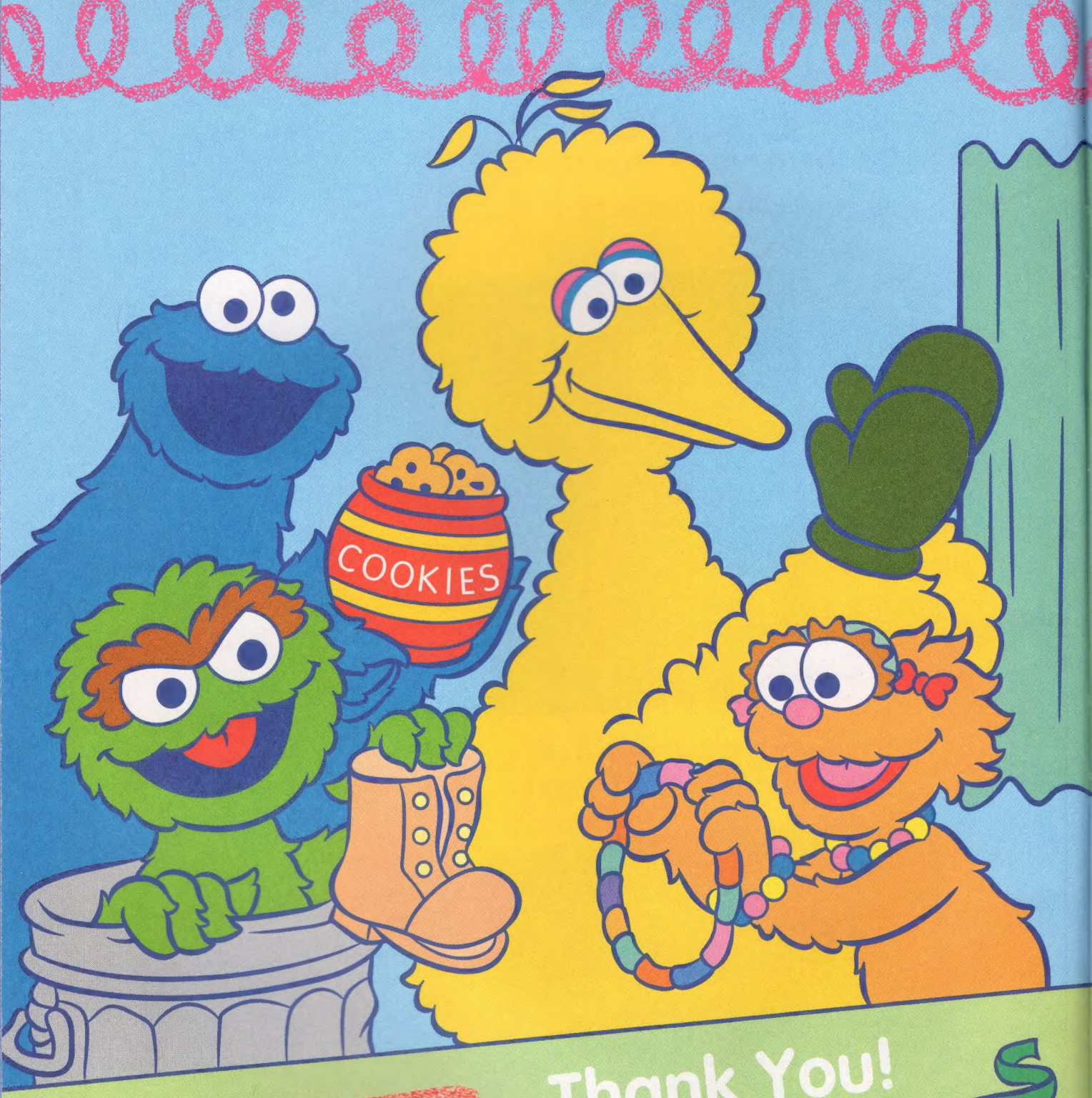
**Snowshoe hares, which are related to rabbits, have white fur in the winter. This helps them hide in the snow. They eat twigs and other parts of plants.**

Find and count all the small brown hares on these pages.

Write the number in the box.

In the spring, a snowshoe hare's fur turns brown. Now it can hide in the sticks and grasses.

Look closely to spot the young snowshoe hare hiding in the bushes.

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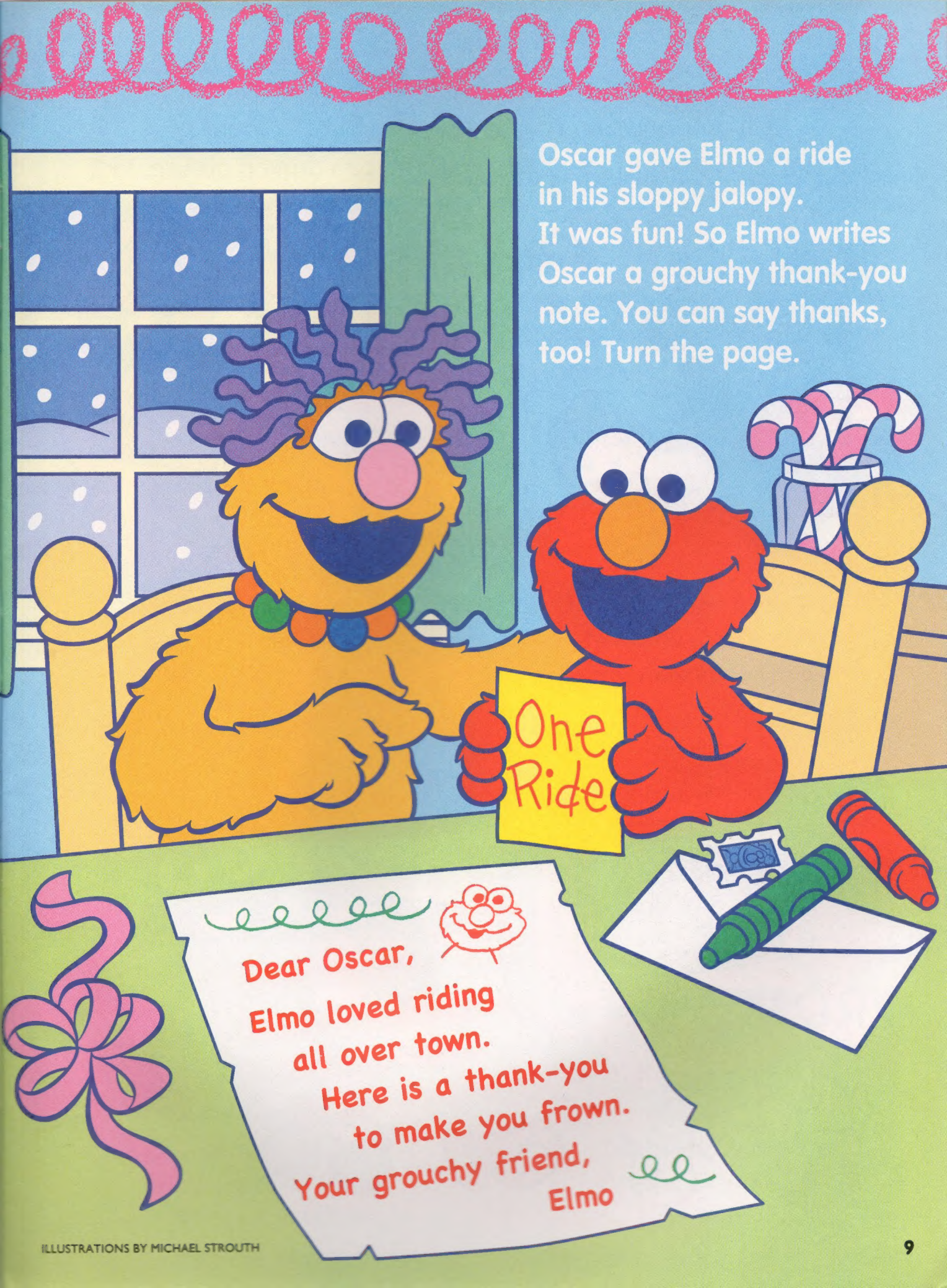
# Thank You!

Elmo and his friends are very good at giving, but they're also great at saying thank you! What will each friend say after receiving a present?




ILLUSTRATIONS BY MICHAEL STROUTH

Is there someone special you would like to thank?
Use this page to write your own note. You can draw a picture, too!

TO

FROM

# Elmo's friends are good at thanking, too.

Big Bird gives Zoe a hug to thank her for the mittens she gave him.

Cookie Monster draws Elmo a thank-you picture. Elmo's cookies were DEE-licious!

Oscar tells Big Bird, "Thanks, beak-face. Now scram!"

Zoe writes Cookie Monster an e-mail thank-you.

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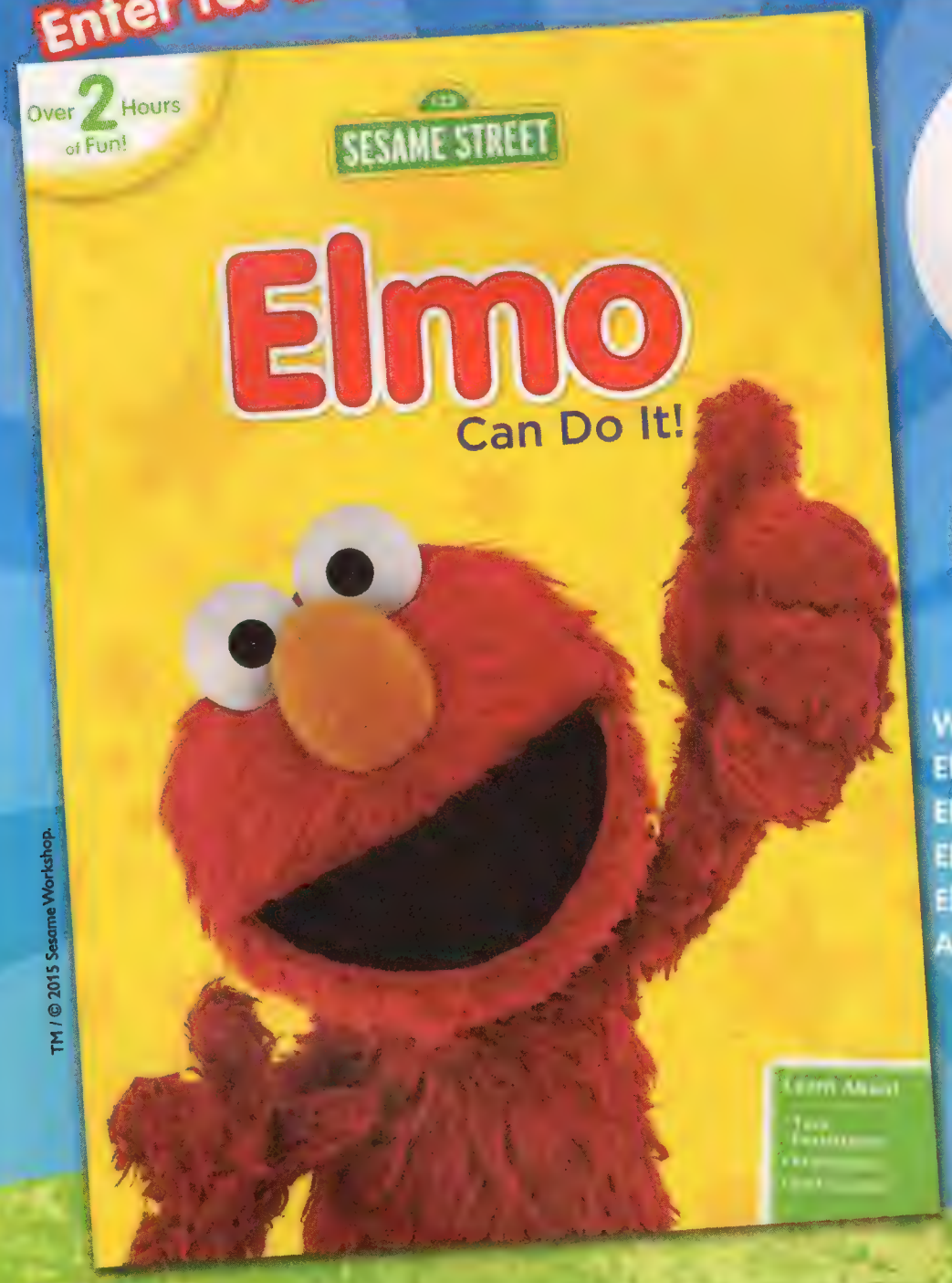


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SESAME STREET

FUN TO LEARN Workbook

# Festive Fun Workbook

Brought to you by The Letter E and The Number 2!

PARENT NOTE: The workbook is designed to encourage practice in early learning skills with Sesame Street to add to the fun.

Find these Twiddlebugs on each activity spread of your workbook!

# Write

Ernie would like you to meet the letter E! Practice writing the letter E e on the line below.

E e

Circle the item that does not have the letter e in it.

tree

wreath

star

cookies

Ernie

Trace over Ernie's name. What letter does his name start with? What does it end with?

**These elephants are getting ready for the holidays. Circle the things in the picture that begin with the letter E e.**

ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID DEES

**Circle each letter e in the words below.**

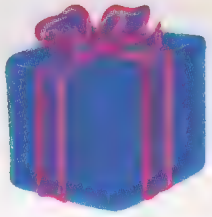
Trace over the letters.

Season's Greetings!

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

# Count

Let's learn about 2!
Count each friend's gifts and
write the number 2 in each box.
Wait! Who has more than 2 gifts?



0 1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Two things together are often called a "pair."

**Trace over the number 2, then practice writing it.**

2 2 2 2

## 2 by 2

Twins come in pairs—
like 2 socks or 2 shoes.
Twins have the same birthday;
you count them by 2s.
Point to 2 twins
near a Kwanzaa kinara,
and 2 twins
in front of a Hanukkah menorah,
and lastly 2 twins
by a tall Christmas tree.
We're counting by 2s,
Just us 2—
you and me!

### DO A "2" DANCE!

**Hop 2 times.**

**Clap 2 times.**

**Turn around 2 times.**

**Repeat!**

POEM BY LESLIE KIMMELMAN
ILLUSTRATION BY ELIZABETH SAYLES

SESAME FAMILY ACTIVITY: Help your child learn more about the number 2 by looking around your home for pairs of items. Mittens? Shoes? What else can you find?

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

# Global Greetings

I, adorable, furry Grover, discovered that people greet each other many different ways during the holidays. I bet you did not know that! How do you wish someone happy holidays?

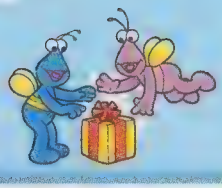
Happy Hanukkah
Season's Greetings
Happy Kwanzaa

# Find

Find the shadows for each pose by drawing a line.

Circle the pose that does not have a shadow match.

## Find and circle 5 differences between pictures A and B.



A

Answers - don't peek! 1. The snowman's hatband is red;
2. A button is missing from the snowman; 3. Ernie's hat has changed;
4. Bert's scarf is blue; 5. There's a large snowball near Ernie.

1 Trace over each number as you find a difference.

B

2

3

4

5

# Match

Elmo's mommy helped Elmo bake delicious holiday cookies to give to Cookie Monster. Elmo made extras for other friends, too.

How many cookie jars are on this page?

ILLUSTRATION BY MAGGIE SWANSON

Cut out the cookies on the right. Put each one on top of the matching cookie jar. Which friend do you think should get each cookie jar?

If you prefer not to cut up your magazine, draw lines from each cookie to its matching jar.

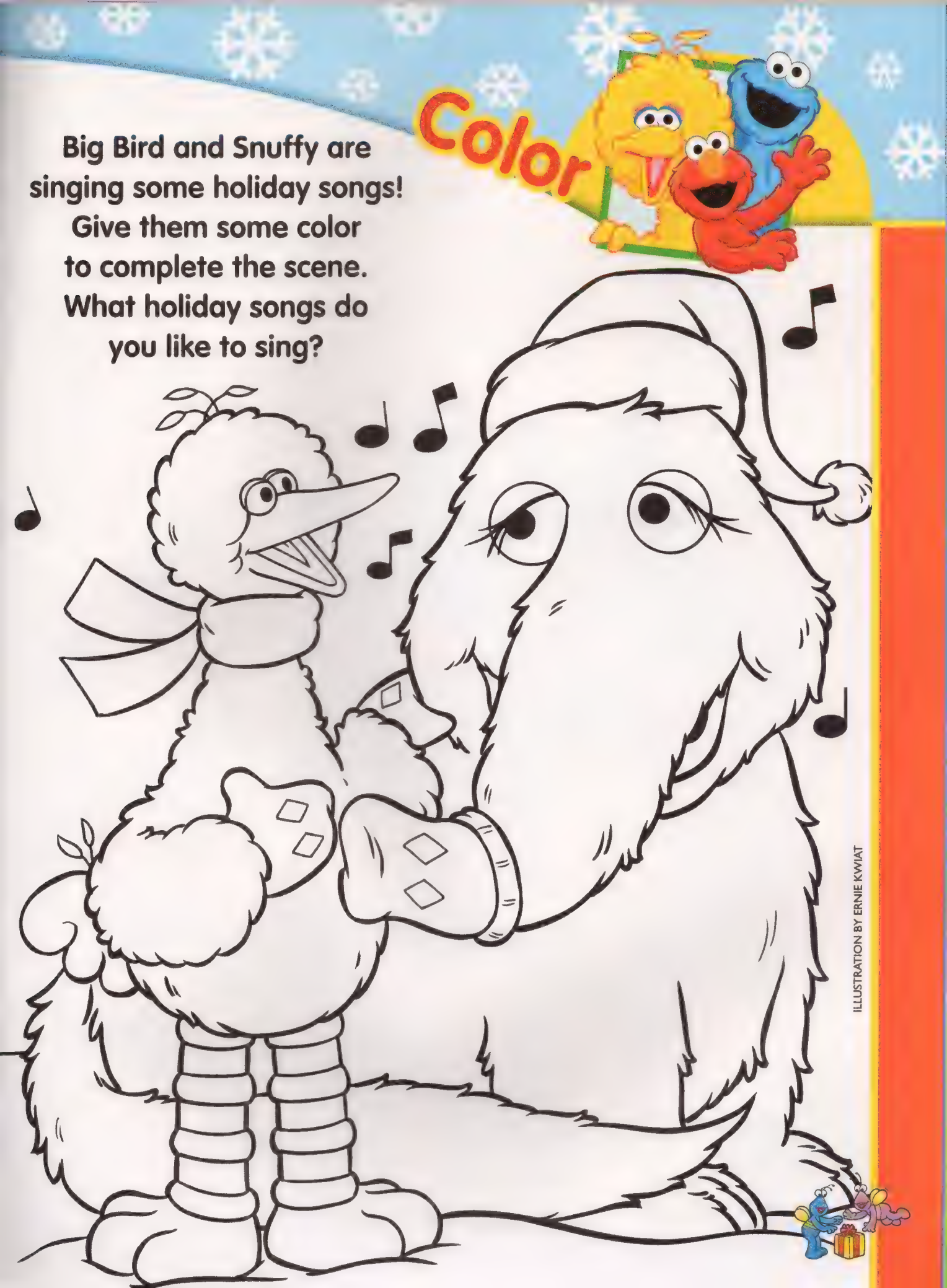
How many cookie jars are on this page?

How many cookie jars are there all together?

# Draw

Every snowflake is different, but every snowflake has six points! Trace over the outlines on these snowflakes. Then draw one of your own.

Draw one more present above.
How many presents all together?


Color
Big Bird and Snuffy are singing some holiday songs! Give them some color to complete the scene. What holiday songs do you like to sing?
ILLUSTRATION BY ERNIE KWIAT

# Certificate of Fun

## Festive Fun Workbook

Color the star next to each activity you have completed.

Write

Count

Find

Match

Draw

Color

# Happy Holidays!

I finished my Festive Fun Workbook!

Write your name here.

Check the box if you found all the Twiddlebugs!

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Cut this out and hang it up! Collect each one!

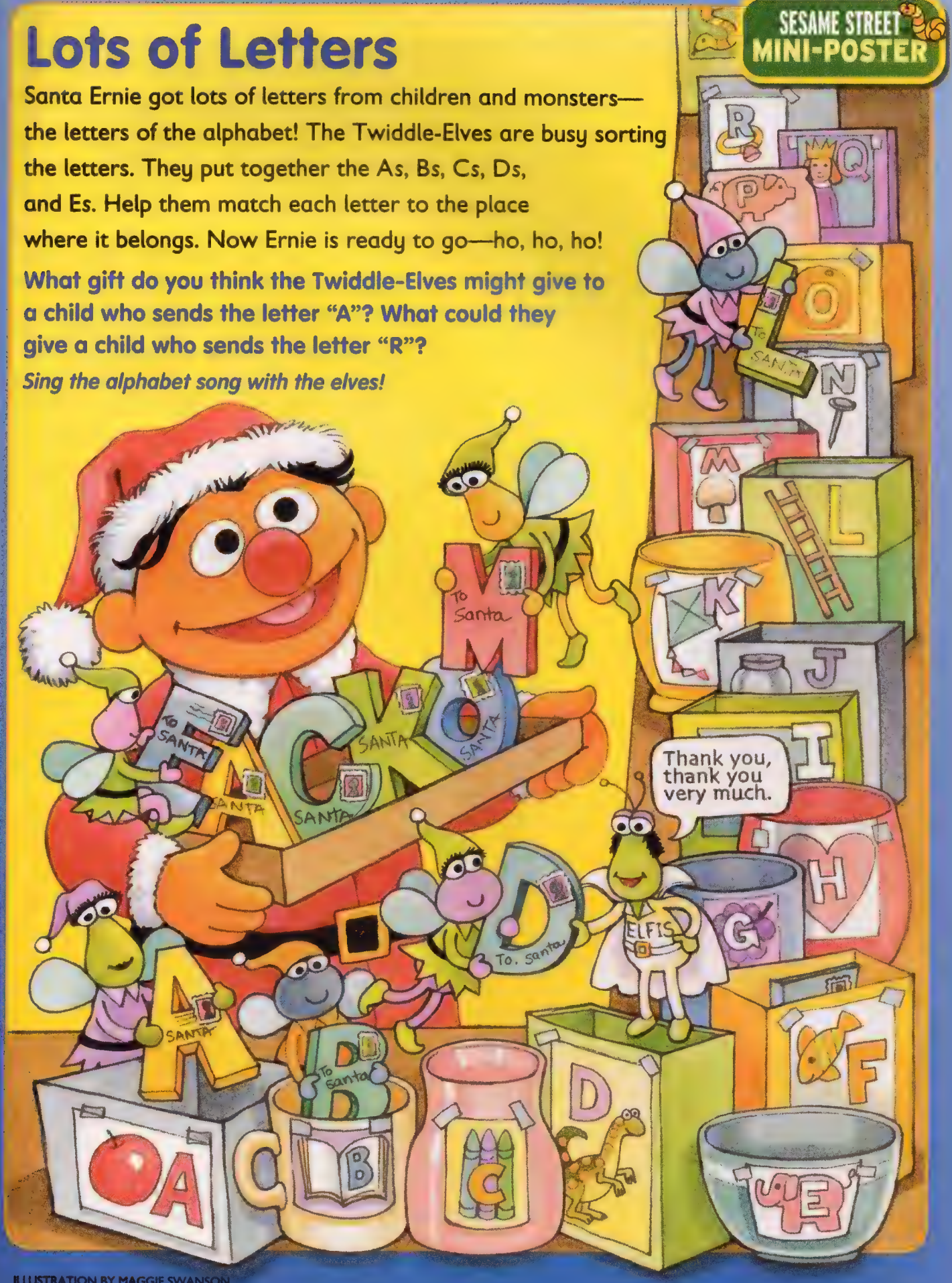
SESAME STREET MINI-POSTER

# Lots of Letters

Santa Ernie got lots of letters from children and monsters—the letters of the alphabet! The Twiddle-Elves are busy sorting the letters. They put together the As, Bs, Cs, Ds, and Es. Help them match each letter to the place where it belongs. Now Ernie is ready to go—ho, ho, ho!

**What gift do you think the Twiddle-Elves might give to a child who sends the letter "A"? What could they give a child who sends the letter "R"?**

***Sing the alphabet song with the elves!***

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# A Not So Good Day for Counting

**Follow Count von Count's footsteps all around Sesame Street and count along.**

"What a fine day for counting. That's 1, 2, 3 fluffy clouds. . . . Fluffy clouds, please stop blowing so I can count you!"

"Crumbly cookies! That's 1, 2, 3, 4 delicious cookies on Cookie Monster's plate, ah, ah, ah!"

"I see 1 holiday gift, 2 beautiful holiday gifts, ah, ah, ah!"

**SESAME FAMILY ACTIVITY** Take a walk with your child and help her have a good day for counting! How many houses are on your block? How many trees? How many dogs or other animals can she spot? How much fun did you have on your walk? (Some things just can't be measured in numbers!)



STORY BY LESLIE KIMMELMAN • ILLUSTRATIONS BY TOM LEIGH

"Aha! Snowflakes!
Let's see, that's 1 snowflake,
2 snowflakes, 3, 4, 5, 6. . . .
The snowflakes are falling
too fast to count!"

"Look, there is Big Bird again," said the Count. "What happened to the 2 holiday gifts he was carrying? And now there are zero cookies on Cookie Monster's plate. Maybe today is not such a good day for counting!"

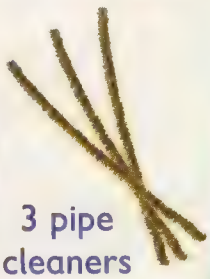
**Which two friends are holding gifts from Big Bird?**

# Let's make a Reindeer

Abby would like you to follow these 3 simple steps to make your very own Reindeer Sock Puppet!

## You will need:

an old brown sock


3 pipe cleaners

glue

colored felt

scissors


chalk

**1.** Pull the sock over your hand and with some chalk, draw two marks where you want your reindeer's antlers. Then take the sock off your hand and ask an adult to cut two small holes into the sock where the marks are.

**2.** Thread the end of a pipe cleaner into one of the holes and out through the other. Shape the antlers using the other two pipe cleaners. Cut different lengths and wrap them around each other to make the antler branches.

**3.** Cut circles from the felt for your reindeer's eyes and nose. Glue them to your sock using the picture as a guide to help you.

## Tip for Parents!

If your child is older, you may want to use googly eyes for your puppet, and a red pompom for its nose.

# Sock Puppet

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Grover and his mommy are making a New Year's cake. Point to the picture that shows what's happening first. Write the numbers in the other pictures to show what happens second, third, and fourth, or last. Then tell a story about what Grover and his mommy are doing. Point to all the number 12s you see here.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY DAVID DEES

Trace over the numbers, starting at the arrows. The blue numbers are odd, the pink numbers are even!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

A Parent and Child Activity

**Please send us your pictures; we love to see them! Draw your favorite *Sesame Street* friend below and it may be printed in this magazine.**

Put a check next to your favorite!

## My picture for 123 SESAME STREET

Here is my picture of.....

My full name is.....

I am.....years old

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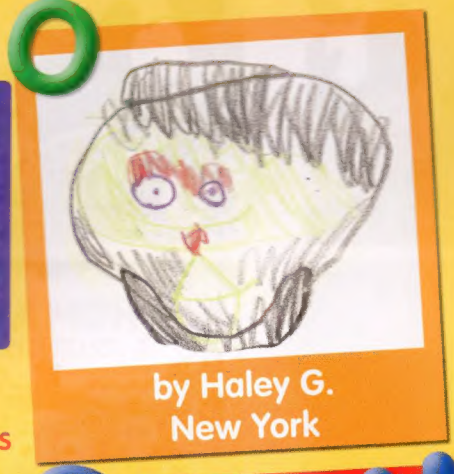

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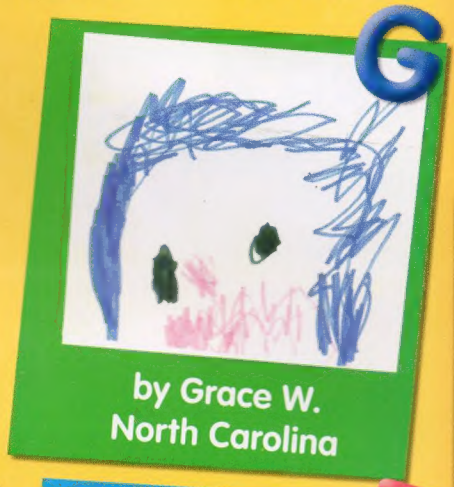

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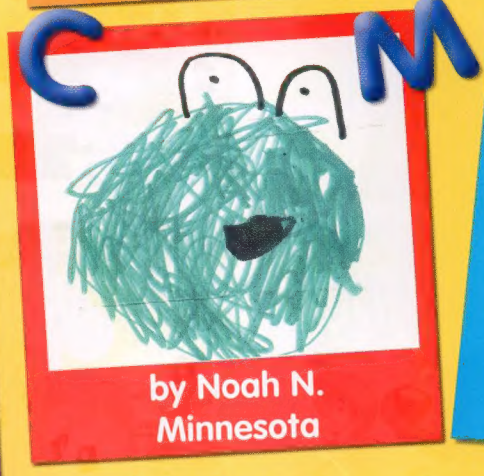

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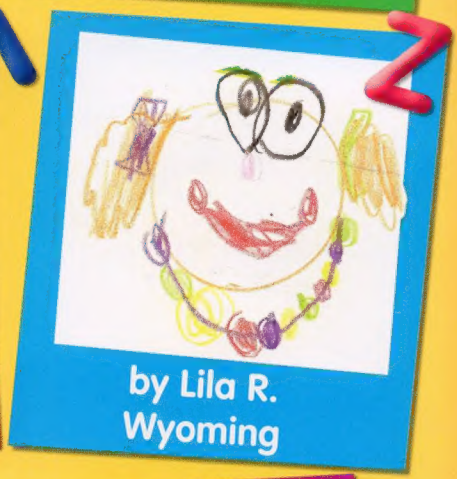

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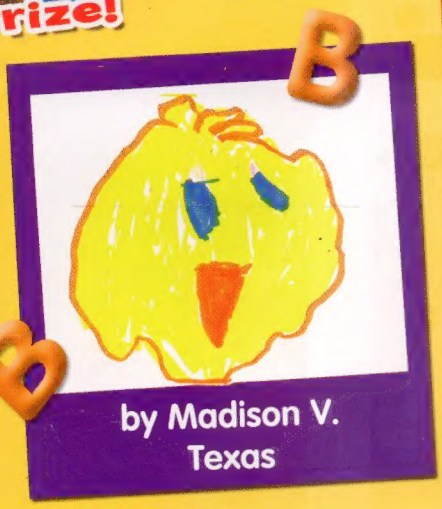

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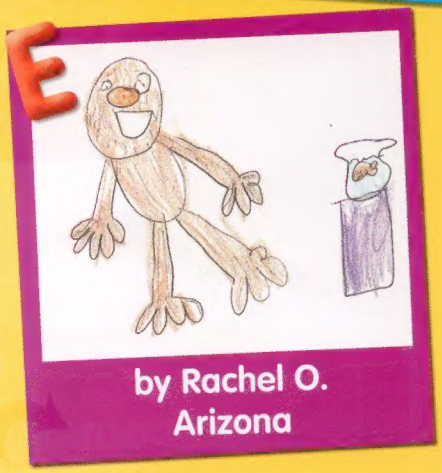

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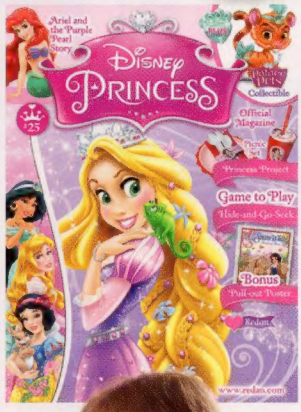

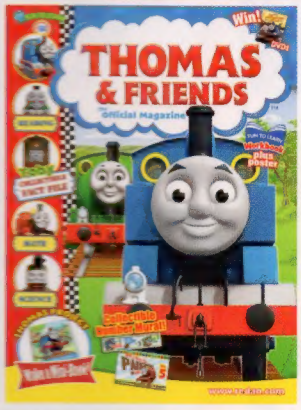

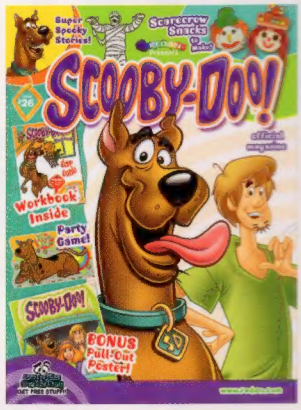

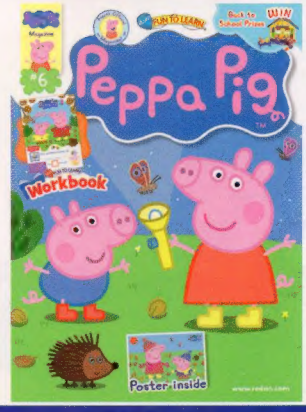


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